2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT SEATTLE 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NO. CR19-210RAJ 11 Plaintiff, 12 ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL v. 13 14 ALLAN B. THOMAS and JOANN E. THOMAS, 15 16 Defendants. 17 18 The Court having held a status conference concerning the trial date in this matter at 19 which defense counsel for Allan Thomas represented that he could not effectively prepare 20 for, and try, this case on the currently scheduled date of January 4, 2022, due to a medical 21 issue; 22 Both defendants having moved for a continuance of the trial date in order to allow 23 counsel for Allan Thomas time to address the issue and to prepare for and represent his client 24 at trial; 25

And both defendants having indicated on the record that they are willing to waive

their right to a speedy trial until April 30, 2022, in order to allow counsel for Allan Thomas

effectively to prepare for and represent his client;

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THE COURT FINDS, based upon the representations made by defense counsel for 1 | 2 Allan Thomas, that defense counsel could not effectively represent Allan Thomas if trial 3 were to proceed on the currently scheduled date of January 4, 2022; 4 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the ends of justice served by granting a 5 continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendants in a more speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), (B)(i) & (iv). 6 7 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendants' motion to continue the trial date is GRANTED and the current trial date of January 4, 2022, is hereby stricken; 8 9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that trial is now SCHEDULED to begin on January 31, 10 2022, at 9:00 a.m. 11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time between today's date and January 31, 12 2022, is excluded in computing the time within which trial must commence, because the ends of justice served by granting this continuance outweigh the best interest of the public 13 14 and the defendants in a more speedy trial. See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Failure to grant 15 this continuance would likely make trial impossible, could result in a miscarriage of justice, 16 and would deny counsel for the defendant the reasonable time necessary for effective 17 preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. See id. § 3161(B)(i) & (iv). 18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will hold a status conference at 10:00 19 a.m. on January 10, 2022, in order to consider whether an additional continuance is required 20 until April 25, 2022, based upon defense counsel's medical condition. 21 DATED this 29th day of December, 2021. 22 23 Richard A free 24 25 The Honorable Richard A. Jones United States District Judge 26 27 28